

\$14,000,000 DUE IN INCOME TAXES SCALDED TO DEATH IN RAILWAY WRECK

Must Be Paid Before Tomorrow Night to Avoid Penalties, Collector Warns

1922 FORMS ARE DELAYED

More than \$14,000,000 in income taxes from the Eastern Pennsylvania district is due before the close of business tomorrow afternoon, it was announced today by Blakely D. McNaughton, Collector of Internal Revenue, at his office in the Federal Building.

Failure to make payment before that time will be penalized by an additional 5 per cent and 1 per cent a month interest. Mr. McNaughton warned. He issued the following statement:

"The collector has no discretion in the assertion of the penalty and interest, as the same are specifically provided for in the law, and must be paid if the tax is not closed out on or before the required due date. The collector emphasized the fact that additional notice is given to the public, as the notices in the collection of the taxpayers covering the amount due December 15, 1922, are deemed by the Federal Government to be sufficient notice.

Better Business Seen

"While the amount collected during the period December 1 to December 15, 1921, is considerably larger than the estimated amount to be collected during the period December 1 to December 15, 1922, it is noted that the proportionate amount of taxes paid to date (December 1 to December 15, 1922) is greater than the amount paid during the period December 1 to December 15, 1921, indicating that there is considerable improvement in business conditions, and showing that the public, as a rule, is in a better position to make payment of its outstanding liabilities."

Delay in Blank Forms

"The collector's office is in receipt of numerous requests for blank forms for income tax returns of various kinds covering the calendar year ending December 31, 1922, and has requested the public to apply directly for blank forms until the middle of January, 1923, as instructions had been received from the Department at Washington directing that all the mailing lists in the collector's office be completed before any distribution of forms is made over the counter. It is expected that the forms will be received and distributed as quickly as possible, not later than the middle of January."

CHILD HEALTH AGENCIES GROW IN 10 YEARS TO 46

Bureau Report Shows Wide Advance in Welfare Work

Washington, Dec. 14.—By A. P.—Progress in public provision for the care of children has been established in 1912 of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor was summarized in the annual report of Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the bureau, which was made public today.

The bureau's current appropriation, she said, will enable it to meet only a small percentage of the opportunities offered for substantial contribution to the welfare of children.

In the ten years since the first in the ten years the number of States having centralized agencies to deal with child health had increased from one to forty-one, and the number providing mothers' pensions from two to forty.

More than half the States, it said, have established commissions to make comprehensive inquiries to bring their child welfare legislation and administration up to the standard, and a similar number have established bureaus or divisions to deal with dependent and delinquent children.

FARMERS IN CONFERENCE TO HEAR HOOVER AND KLEIN

Land Tillers From All Over America Meet in Washington

Washington, Dec. 14.—By A. P.—What is being described as the most important movement for farmers ever inaugurated was launched here today with the assembling of the International council of farmers' co-operative marketing associations.

Delegates representing the associations interested in every major product from cotton to South to California fruit, came to Washington to take part in the three-day conference.

The program included a complete review of the present situation in agriculture in America, featuring the marketing of cotton, tobacco, fruits, grain, dairy products and other farm products. Other general topics of discussion were co-operative financing and rural credit legislation, common problems of co-operative marketing associations and how to handle timely problems of such commodity groups and cooperative education of the farmers and the public.

The preliminary agenda for today's session was determined largely by written addresses by Secretary Washburn, Secretary Hoover, Dr. John Klein, Director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and representatives of farm organizations.

ELKTON TAXI RATES CUT

Exorbitant Prices to Wedding Pairs to Be Eliminated

Elkton, Md., Dec. 14.—Effective January 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Maryland Central will charge fares at Elkton station to the highest bidder, and the exorbitant prices charged wedding couples will be cut out.

The price after January 1, as fixed by the company, is twenty-five cents for a single person to any point in the town; \$3 for a girl for one hour, and \$3 for a bridal couple to any point in courthouse, to the home of a minister, and back to the station.

VOTE TO UPHOLD HARDING

National Council of Churches Adopts Resolution

New York, Dec. 14.—A pledge to support President Harding in any action he may take to support the rights, lives and religion of Americans in Turkey, was embodied in a resolution adopted unanimously yesterday by the National Council of the Episcopal Church.

The Council endorsed a resolution in the House of Representatives last week, calling upon the President to request Turkey to check violence to Christians and upon Congress to support such action.

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Seven Persons Killed by Steam When Train Hits Engine in Texas

CARS BECOME CAULDRONS

Houston, Tex., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Humble, scene of the accident on the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad last night, is one of Texas' oil field towns. It is situated seventeen miles north of Houston. The Houston, East and West Texas Railroad is a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific system and runs from Houston to Shreveport, La.

a scalding cauldron, and stumbled the entire length of the car, breaking windows as he progressed. As a result the steam poured out and relieved the stilled passengers.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Baltasar Brum, President of Uruguay, and Dr. Luis Alberto Herrera, former secretary of the legation at Washington, fought a duel with pistols late yesterday afternoon. Each man fired two shots. Neither was hit.

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